



## The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

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### Staff Report

**Report Title: Black Creek Municipal Drain Capital Project Update**

**Date: Apr. 13, 2026**

**Report Number: DRA-2026-04**

**Department: Drainage**

**File Number: C11 DRA 26**

**Prepared By: Jennifer White, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk**

**Attachments: Presentation from the Engineer**

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#### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council receive Report DRA-2026-04, prepared by Jennifer White, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk;

AND FURTHER that Council confirm the amended scope of the project as outlined in the presentation from the Engineer and direct the Engineer to prepare the drainage report based on this direction for Council consideration;

AND FURTHER direct Staff to complete the necessary actions based on Drainage Act requirements upon receipt of the report, including the setting of a public meeting and providing notice accordingly.

#### **Background:**

Council received the Engineer's Drainage Report for the Black Creek Municipal Drain project from R. J. Burnside and Associates, and conducted the public meeting as required by the Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, D.17 on September 8, 2025. Following the presentation of the report, and having received public comments from Landowners, Council considered Report DRA-2025-12 and passed this resolution:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council refer the Drainage Report back to the Engineer to reconsider modifications on the following matters:

- 1) consider using the existing channel between the two lakes, rather than a new channel,
- 2) consider the use of additional equipment types for construction,
- 3) consider inclusion of cleanout of obstructions (beaver dams) and cleanout of entire branch 7 km downstream of Clam Lake.

Having considered the elements outlined by Council, the Engineer's have requested to present their findings to Council and seek to confirm the scope of the project, prior to presenting a final Report for consideration.

This is not the final consideration of the report, but an opportunity for the Engineer's to ensure that the direction they are moving toward is aligned with the direction of

Council. A public meeting will be held after the final report has been prepared and delivered.

**Discussion/Analysis/Overview:**

The Engineering Firm appointed to create a report for the Black Creek Municipal Drain Project have provided a presentation (attached) which outlines some considerations and is intended for discussion purposes with Council.

The presentation is intended to provide Council with the information considered, the findings, and opportunity to discuss next steps. Having been asked to consider modifications on the matters noted above and having provided Council by way of the presentation with the results of these considerations, the Engineers are seeking guidance from Council on the scope of the project for the preparation of a final report.

It is anticipated that following this meeting, sufficient direction will be provided to the Engineer to proceed with the calculations and design necessary for preparation of a final report. Once a final report is filed by the Engineer with the Clerk, the new report will follow the same notice and meeting terms as the original report.

The report and a notice which includes the date a public meeting is to be held to consider the report, will be provided to impacted landowners, following the required timelines in the Drainage Act. Assessed landowners may attend the public meeting to consider the report.

**Financial Impacts:**

Costs associated with the project would be assessed in accordance with the Drainage Act. The requirements for allocating costs differ depending on whether the project proceeds after the final report is presented. Engineering costs are incorporated into the project costs.

**Performance Measurement:**

n/a

**Strategic Area:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle | <input type="checkbox"/> Enhance Municipal Service Delivery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for Inclusive Growth                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure Financial Stability         |

**Strategic Goal: Manage assets and infrastructure**

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

Jennifer White, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk

**Report Approved By:**

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer